

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Actions dated March 14, 2005 and August 23, 2004. No new issues have been raised (the same claim changes were made in the Feb. 23, 2005 amendment which was entered for purposes of appeal). In view of claim changes in this case, and the current claims, the inventorship has been amended herein to delete Mr. Murai from the list of inventors.

Since a notice of appeal was filed Feb. 23, 2005, no extension of time was needed with this filing.

Only claims 19-21 are now pending. The declaration of Kangawa filed Feb. 23, 2005 was entered by the Examiner (see the Advisory Action dated March 14, 2005). As requested by the Examiner, another Rule 131 declaration from the current inventors has been filed herewith, evidencing that Tsujimura is not prior art.

During a telephone interview with the Examiner on March 17, 2005, the Examiner requested the additional Rule 131 declaration from the current inventors, that has been filed herewith. It is respectfully submitted that this additional Rule 131 declaration places the instant application in condition for allowance, since the Tsujimura reference is not prior art.

Claim 19 stands rejected under Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Kumagai in view of Tsujimura. This Section 103(a) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Tsujimura is not prior art. In particular, applicants invented the instant invention well prior to the May 15, 2000 U.S. filing date of Tsujimura. Two Rule 131 declarations have not been filed in this case, establishing the earlier invention by applicants. Since Tsujimura is not prior art under Section 102(e), the aforesaid Section 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

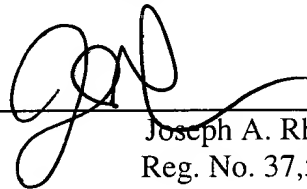
Furthermore, during the telephone interview of March 17, 2005, the Examiner requested that the applicant comment on the Yoritomi reference (JP 4-81820) in the remarks section of this filing. Yoritomi fails to disclose or suggest each of: (a) exposing a negative type photosensitive pixel electrode from the back side, (b) using gate lines and source lines as masks during such a back side exposure, and (c) a substantially uniform parasitic capacitance between pixel electrodes and signal lines. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims defines over Yoritomi for at least these reasons.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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